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S.S. Pan Cressens

Bucharest
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DEPARTMENTAL NO. 1.

FROM BUCHAREST TO FOREIGN OFFICE.

Mr. Holman,
No. 1072
4th October, 1947.

D: 11.50 a.m. 4th October, 1947

R: 3.45 p.m. 4th October, 1947

Repeated to Sofia
Jerusalem
Commander-in-Chief Mediterranean,
Malta,
Middle East Office Cairo
Moscow
Angora.

IMMEDIATE.

Confidential.

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My telegram No. 1067.

S.S. Pan Crescent.

Reliable information indicates that the work going on inside this ship is the erection of bunks.

2. Reported same source, vessel will not be ready to embark all passengers until October 7th.

3. Advance parties of strapping young [grp. undec. ? Jews] have arrived Constantza and appear to be group leaders.

4. Trains with emigrants are expected at Constantza on October 6th and 7th but the position is being closely watched both at Bucharest and Constantza in case of earlier departure of trains from here and embarkation at Constantza.

5. I have sent a strongly worded protest to the Roumanian Government but I doubt whether it will have much effect.

6. Kendall and Naval Attache propose to go to Constantza to observe embarkation or at least arrival of trains of observation proves impossible.

Foreign Office please repeat immediately to Jerusalem, Commander-in-Chief Mediterranean Malta and important to Middle East Office Cairo and Angora as my telegrams Nos [grp undec.] 7, 18 and [grp undec. ?32] respectively.

[Repeated to B.M.E.O. and Angora and copies sent to Telegraph Section Colonial Office and War Registry Admiralty for repetition to Jerusalem and Commander-in-Chief Mediterranean Malta].

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DEPARTMENTAL NO. 1.

FROM BUCHAREST TO FOREIGN OFFICE.

Mr. Holman.
No. 1067.

D. 1.58 p.m. 3rd October 1947.

3rd October 1947.

R. 4.10 p.m. 3rd October 1947.

Repeated to: Angora,
Malta,
Sofia,
Moscow,
Jerusalem.

IMMEDIATE.

CONFIDENTIAL.

My telegram No.1051.

S.S. Pan Crescent.

Extensive carpentering work is being done in this vessel but I have no information as to its nature.

2. A large number of wooden crates have been loaded on board. Roumanian Port authorities are according all facilities to the vessel and organisers.

3. It is reliably reported that some 6,000 Jews will be embarked on this vessel. Some are already waiting at Constantza but it is not known whether the vessel will call at a Bulgarian port for more passengers.

4. It is reported that the vessel will be ready to sail October 5th and passengers awaiting at Constantza expect to leave on that day.

Foreign Office please repeat to Angora, Malta, Jerusalem as my telegrams Nos.31, 6, and 51 respectively.

[Repeated to Angora.

Copies sent to the Admiralty for repetition to Malta.

Copies sent to Telegraph Section, Colonial Office, for repetition to Jerusalem.]

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Please see separate minute and also record of conversations between Turkish Ambassador and Sir Home Lambert and the S. of S.

Mr. Fawcett, whom we consulted on the legal aspect, agreed that the legal basis for our request was extremely flimsy, particularly as the Convention was designed to facilitate passage through the Straits, while we are asking the Turks to interpret its provisions as to restrict such passage.

It now seems that the Turks will not agree. As we can obviously not insist, we shall have to resign ourselves to the arrival in Palestine of these two ships. I suggest that we should reply to this telegram by giving Argota a brief account of the Turkish Ambassador's interviews and of the decision by the S. of S. not to press our point. Draft submitted herewith.

[Signature]
(S.E. CABLE)

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Mr Warner will wish to

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to see these minutes and the further action in regard to Sir O. Sargent's interview with the Turkish Ambassador, with reference to his pencilled note on the attached spare copy.

As Mr Cable says, we must now ~~be prepared~~ ^{be prepared} for the early arrival in Palestine waters of the "Pan York" and "Pan Crescent", both ships capable of carrying 8000 Draft tel. to Ankara

in view of the S/S's sailing

J. H. Smith
Oct. 8
(BEITH)

Sofia to 33 to Jerusalem
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(b) The Montreux convention was made without any consideration for the present case. If they unduly strained its provisions in order to invoke safety of life at sea they risk both Russian criticism and finding themselves saddled with Jewish immigrants.

(c) I hope it is not assumed that while we are impotent vis à vis the Bulgarian and Rumanian Governments, we possess the means of pressure on the Turkish Government if the latter are unwilling to resort to dubiously legal measures or risk having the Jews dumped on them. We no longer have the indirect means of pressure we had a year ago when the Turks were receiving free military instruction, were hoping for military supplies from us, and were making us substantial sales of goods against sterling which contrary to expectation, is now blocked and in respect of which we are endeavouring to avoid giving guarantee against possible devaluation. (These sales have involved automatic increase in note circulation which they blame in part for their deteriorated financial situation).

5. I refer to above considerations only in order to avoid any over estimation of our bargaining power, but I have no reason to doubt the Turkish Government wish sincerely to help, short of doing anything they think involves grave risk for themselves.

6. As regards the last sentence of your telegram under reference Naval Attaché has throughout been in close contact with Istanbul naval authorities.

Foreign Office please pass to Bucharest and Moscow as my telegrams Nos. 14 and 22.

[Repeated to Bucharest and Moscow].

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ANGORA

IMPORTANT.
CONFIDENTIAL

Telegram.

No. 874 ✓

(Date) Oct 10 ✓

Repeat to :-

BUCHAREST No. 1095 ✓

MOSCOW No. 3158 ✓

SOFIA No. 1396 ✓

Private Secretary
(first) ✓

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J.S. Beins
Oct. 9
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CABINET

Copies to :-

I. I. P.

Your Telegram Number 701 [of 4th
October: Jewish Illegal Immigration]
Turkish Ambassador discussed this
question when he saw me yesterday.

He had previously seen Sir Orme Sargent,
who explained to him importance H.M.G.
attached to preventing passage through
the Straits of ships carrying Jewish
illegal immigrants and emphasised effect
on Arab opinion which would result from
Turkish failure to take action. Turkish
Ambassador maintained that action proposed
would be illegal.

2. I have decided not to press the
Turkish Government further to prevent
the passage of these ships through the
Straits, in view of the ~~danger~~ *Turkish points*
delicate position.

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FROM PARIS TO FOREIGN OFFICE

Mr. Ashley Clarke.

No. 935

3rd October, 1947

D. 6.15 p.m. 3rd October, 1947

R. 9.05 p.m. 3rd October, 1947

Repeated to Marseilles.

IMPORTANT

CONFIDENTIAL

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Your telegram No. 2142.

S.S. Pan York.

Ministry of Foreign Affairs to whom your concern was strongly represented have warned Ministry of the Interior to keep a look out for intending passengers and have asked Ministry of Merchant Marine to try and find means of holding up the ship.

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FROM PARIS TO FOREIGN OFFICE.

Mr. Ashley Clarke.
No. 958.

D. 4.52 p.m. 4th October 1947.

4th October 1947.

R. 7.50 p.m. 4th October 1947.

Repeated to: Commander-in-Chief Mediterranean.

IMPORTANT.

Foreign Office please pass Important to
Commander-in-Chief Mediterranean.

Secret.

Marseilles telegrams Nos. 165 and 166.

S.S. Pan York.

Ministry of Foreign Affairs have arranged
for all French authorities in North Africa to keep
a look out for this vessel.

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Illegal immigration from Roumania

Bucharest 1063

Dated 30 Oct

Received 6 Oct.

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Bucharest telegram no. 1055 (E9149) makes it clear that we have no chance of securing Roumanian agreement to refoulement, while Sofia telegram no. 1247 (E9200) excludes any hope of Bulgarian consent. Both Sofia and Bucharest (see telegram in this paper) present strong objections to the use of a ship flying the Red Ensign to shadow illegal immigrant ships. If, however, we can neither refouler Jews to Bulgaria and Roumania nor secure any cooperation from their Governments in preventing embarkation, then there is no longer any point in shadowing ships in the Black Sea. I suggest, therefore, that we should now abandon this idea. If we do, we should also turn down the proposal in Sofia tel. no. 1247 (E9200) to use this idea as a threat to force Bulgarian cooperation. Not only does it appear most unlikely that

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that the threat would succeed, but it
would be a bluff too easily called. ~~There~~
~~is also a draft telegram accordingly,~~
which might be discussed at the next
meeting of the Working Party or
Board.

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after
writing this minute,
I saw c. in c. Modis telegram 041346,
in which he suggests that a yacht
should be used. The use of a
yacht might overcome some of the objections
raised by the Buchanan telegram in
this paper. On the other hand, it would
still not seem to be worth while,
since we could do little or nothing
with the information when we got it.

As the Admiralty are now
involved, it might be best to discuss
this question either with the Working
Party or the Committee, before replying
to these telegrams. This might also be
a suitable occasion for considering whether
the heavy expenditure of fuel entailed
in shadowing suspect ships to their
point of embarkation is really justified.
It was stated at a time when we
still regarded refoulement as a firm
policy.

J. F. Cable
(C. E. CABLE)

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I agree. I really don't think any
of this is on the table. Southern
Dept. should see and we sh'd
then clear this at the next
Working Party.

Southern Dept. first

J. S. Seis
Oct. 6

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Date 6.10.47.

From War Registry.

Subject: C. in C. Med. (Afloat) 041346 (Top Secret distribution).

A.M. 021530 quoted is a repetition of Foreign Office Confidential message to Bucharest (1019) and Sofia (1329) which has now been circulated in the Admiralty.

A.M. 261230 also quoted is presumably intended to be A.M. 262130 to C. in C. Med. which was a repetition of S. of S. Colonies message No. 2276 to Palestine (O.A.G.), circulated in the Admiralty under T.O.O. 261530 September, (Topsecret distribution).

War Reg.

1st. Lord.
1st. S. L. (3)
V. C. M. S.
A. C. H. S.
Naval Secretary
Secretary
U. S. S.
O. D. (8)
D. C. (2)
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From C. in C. Med. Afloat

Date 4.10.47.
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Addressed Admiralty,
Info. C. in C. Med. Malta.

IMPORTANT.

Subject shadowing suspect ships in Black Sea, A.M. 021530 October and 261230 September refer. Before any decision is made to employ ships flying the Red Ensign on this duty, as suggested in F.O. Telegram Number 1019 (A.M. 261230 September), it seems that following points must be clearly defined.

(A) Authority who is to have operational control of such ships, and will give them detailed orders.

(B) Arrangements for their communications with operational authority.

(C) How such ships are to be furnished with secret intelligence necessary to the effective performance of their duty.

2. To obtain definite evidence of embarkation it will be necessary that such ships should at least be present in port with suspect ship when loading takes place. Unless Government concerned is so sympathetic with our cause that they will allow surveillance within their own ports, it would appear necessary for purpose of our ships presence to be disguised by providing her with commercial cover.

3. For this reason, it is suggested that a yacht type vessel is more suitable than any other, because a yacht's visits require no explanation.

4. Furthermore, if a Haifa corvette is used, a specially selected crew would seem desirable, or at any rate the present crew, which is locally entered will need re-inforcement at least in W/T personnel.

041346A

Advance copies sent R.C., D.C.

1st Lord.
1st Sea Lord. (3)
V.C.N.S.
A.C.N.S.
N.A. 2nd S.L.
Secretary,

U.S.S.
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INWARD TELEGRAM

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FROM PALESTINE (General Sir A. Cunningham)

TO S. OF S., COLONIES.

D. 3rd October, 1947.

R. 3rd " " 01.00 hrs.

IMMEDIATE

No. 1847 Top Secret.

Addressed to S. of S.
Repeated to British Representative Moscow
(S. of S. please pass as my No. 1332).
" to Sofia No. 1333.
" " Bucharest No. 1334.
" " Ankara No. 9.
" " Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean No. 1336
" " " " Middle East Land
Forces No. 1337.
" " P.S.T.O., Mediterranean (Commander-in-
Chief, M.E.L.F., please pass as my
No. 1335).

Your telegram No. 2276.

Illegal Immigration.

First four paragraphs noted. With regard to paragraph 5, Service Authorities and P.S.T.O. agree that a corvette would be unsuitable (repeat unsuitable) for any shadowing duties by day or night being unfitted for such duties (corrupt group ? in general) and also without trained personnel necessary.

2. Your paragraph 6. If transports were loaded

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with full complement of immigrants they could not, in view of food and water difficulties, wait for more than 48 (repeat 48) hours at entrance to the Straits.

3. Your paragraph (corrupt group ?7). In view of probable eventualities it is considered unlikely that question of being able to spare a corvette for escort duty through the Dardanelles will arise. Ends.

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HIS Majesty's Minister at Bucharest
presents his compliments to H.M.P.S. of S. for F.A. 23
and has the honour to transmit to him the under-mentioned
documents.

British Legation,.....
Bucharest.

30th September 1947.

Reference to previous correspondence:

Bucharest despatch No. 213 of 17th September.

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HIS Majesty's Minister at Bucharest
presents his compliments to H.M.P.S. ~~of 1st 1947~~ of F.A.
and has the honour to transmit to him the under-mentioned
documents.

British Legation,
Bucharest.

1st October, 1947.....

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British Legation,
Bucharest.

No. 118
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1st October, 1947.

NOTE VERBALE

The British Legation at Bucharest presents its compliments to the Roumanian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and, with reference to its Notes Verbales Nos. 104 and 112, has the honour to inform the Ministry that two ships, the "Pan Crescent" and "Pan York", both flying the Panamanian flag, are reported to be about to enter the Black Sea to embark parties of illegal Jewish immigrants bound for Palestine.

2. The British Legation requests the Roumanian Government to take all necessary precautions to prevent the embarkation on these ships in Roumanian waters of Jewish emigrants who are not provided with valid entry visas into Palestine granted by a competent British authority.

3. Should either of these vessels enter a Roumanian port to obtain fuel, the British Legation requests that bunkers should be refused in view of the illicit trade in which these vessels are allegedly engaged.

Ministry of Foreign Affairs,
Bucharest.



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Mr. Dennis,

Shortly after 1.30pm on Sunday, 29th September, three men of Jewish appearance, escorted by an Inspector and other police officers arrived at the Foreign Office.

I met them and the Inspector said "These men wish to present a letter to the Foreign Secretary".

I received the letter (herewith) and said, "I will see that the letter is duly delivered" to which the man who handed it to me replied, "Thank you".

The whole party then left the building by way of Downing Street.

A. S. Askes.

Sec. Security Office.

29-9-47

Mr. Hatford.

Eastern Dept.

M. J. / 29/9/47

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The Secretary,
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21, HYDE PARK STREET,
LONDON, W.2

Tel.: PADDington 4050
28th September, 1947.

Rt. Hon. Ernest Bevin M.P.
Foreign Office,
London, S.W.1.

Sir,

We beg to submit for your urgent consideration the following resolution passed by a Mass Rally in Hyde Park, held at the occasion of a Protest March organised by our Organisation on this day of Sunday, 28th September, 1947, in protestation against the inhuman return of our Jewish brethren to Germany. At the same time we beg to submit to you the texts of the cables received from America, South Africa and Palestine supporting our protestations.

"THIS MASS DEMONSTRATION IN HYDE PARK, LONDON, ON SUNDAY SEPTEMBER THE TWENTYEIGHTH, 1947, PROTESTS IN THE NAME OF ONE AND A HALF MILLION JEWISH EX-SERVICE MEN AND OF ALL FREEDOM LOVING PEOPLE AGAINST THE ACTION OF H.M. GOVERNMENT IN DIRECTING THE PASSENGERS OF THE "EXODUS 1947" FROM PALESTINIAN WATERS TO HAMBURG AND IN INTERNING THE 4500 REFUGEES UNDER DURESS IN THE VERY CAMPS IN WHICH THEIR BROTHERS HAD DIED IN THEIR MILLIONS AND FROM WHICH SOME OF THEM HAD SO RECENTLY ESCAPED. IN THE NAME OF HUMANITY THIS DEMONSTRATION CALLS UPON H.M. GOVERNMENT TO ORDER THE IMMEDIATE RE-EMBARCATION OF THESE REFUGEES AND THEIR SPEEDY RETURN TO PALESTINE, THEIR PROMISED LAND AND RIGHTFUL COUNTRY."

We sincerely urge you to give your urgent and favourable consideration to the resolution and the supporting cables.

Respectfully Yours,

(Major Samuel Weiser)

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Rt. Hon. Ernest Bevin M.P.
Foreign Office,
London, S.W.1.

Sir,

Herewith we respectfully submit the texts of the cables received by our Organisation in support of our Protest March:

United States of America:

"WITH EACH HEBREW SHIP ILLEGALLY SEIZED BY ROYAL NAVY THE MAGNA CHARTA SINKS DEEPER INTO HAIFA HARBOUR. ONLY ISSUE IS WILL ENGLAND SET HERSELF AGAINST WORLD CONSCIENCE AND REMAIN LAST OBSTACLE IN 2000 YEAR STRUGGLE FOR HEBREW LIBERATION. HEBREW VICTORY INEVITABLE BUT BRITAIN'S HONOUR AT STAKE. ALL AMERICA HOPES THAT HYSTERIA OF BRITAIN'S LEADERS AND MISREPRESENTATION OF PRESS WILL NOT CAUSE PEOPLE OF ENGLAND TO ABANDON COMMON SENSE AND GALLANT TRADITIONS. PEOPLE OF ENGLAND CAN BE ABSOLVED OF GUILT IN EXODUS ABOMINATION ONLY IF THEY DEMONSTRATE THAT COLONIAL OFFICE POLICY IS ENEMY OF DECENT ENGLAND AND AFFRONT TO FREE MAN EVERYWHERE - SENATOR GUY M. GILLETTE; ANDREW L. SOMERS M.C. LOUIS BROMFIELD"

South Africa:

"SOUTH AFRICAN EXSERVICE LEAGUE JOIN WITH YOU LEGION PROTESTING AGAINST THE RETURN EXODUS JEWS TO GERMANY CONSIDER TREATMENT BARBARIC AND UNWORTHY GREAT DEFENDER OF FREEDOMS. URGE BRITAIN PERMITS EXODUS JEWS RETURN TO PALESTINE OUR NATIONAL HOME. SUPPORT."

Palestine:

YOURS TWENTYSECOND APPROVE YOUR EFFORTS STRENGTHEN EXODUS JEWS PLEA - BENZEVIE PRESIDENT VAAD LEUMI."

Respectfully Yours,

Samuel Weiser
(Major Samuel Weiser)

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<p>E9475 / 48 / 31 / G Angora Y19 Sent 10 Oct Received 13 Oct.</p>	<p><u>Jewish immigrants</u></p>	
<p>Last Paper. E9448</p>	<p>(Minutes.) This is an ingenious idea of the Embassy. Unfortunately the Turks are obviously becoming more and more reluctant to do anything at all.</p>	
<p>References. E9235 / 48 / 9</p>	<p>S/S has decided not to press the Turks further 13/10 Southern Dept. <i>J. B. Cable</i> (J.F.E. CABER)</p>	
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FROM ANGORA TO FOREIGN OFFICE

Sir D. Kelly.
No. 719.

D: 3.16 p.m. 10th October, 1947.

10th October, 1947.

R: 7.20 p.m. 10th October, 1947.

Repeated to: Sofia, Bucharest, Jerusalem, Commander-in-Chief
Mediterranean.

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My telegram No. 701: Jewish immigrants.

As the only legal grounds for delaying the ships in transit through the Straits seems to be the non payment of dues, Counsel asked Secretary General, on October 8th, whether action could be taken to prevent Turkish firms from acting as agents for suspected ships and paying their dues. It was represented that Turkish Government could hardly wish their nationals to get mixed up in Jewish terrorist organisations.

2. Secretary General replied there would be no difficulty about preventing Turkish agents from acting but said that it would be useless as the ships' captains would undoubtedly carry with them the means of paying necessary dues and the only result would be awkward questions.

Foreign Office please repeat to Bucharest and Commander-in-Chief Mediterranean as my telegrams Nos. 15 and 4 respectively.

[Repeated to Bucharest. Copies sent to War Registry, Admiralty for repetition to Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean.]

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to Mr. Keith
Y6021
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Colonial Office,
Church House,
Great Smith Street,
London, S.W. 1

October 13, 1947.

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14 OCT 1947

My Reference... 76021.....

Your Reference.....

Dear Beith,

I enclose copy of our telegram No. 2428 to the High Commissioner for Palestine repeated to New York, and of the reply which came in yesterday. I believe you saw the outward telegram in draft form and agreed it with Higham. It finally went off as a personal telegram from me as Mr Rees-Williams decided that the policy issues at stake must be left open until the meeting of Ministers on the IIP paper dealing with the same problem has taken place.

You will see that the High Commissioner still wishes to make a move at UNO if possible, notwithstanding the pessimistic views expressed in paragraph two of the outward telegram. His message is of course addressed primarily to the Secretary of State, New York, and I take it that the Delegation there will do what they can and send a suitable reply. I thought you ought to know of this correspondence, however, in case you wish to do anything at this end, or the matter is raised with the Foreign Office by the Delegation. So far as the Colonial Office is concerned, we would of course support any move which offered any prospect of alleviating the present extremely serious situation as regards illegal immigration.

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Turning now to the High Commissioner's views on the expedients referred to in the outward telegram, it seems to me that his first paragraph may be based on the assumption, derived from recent Cyprus telegrams, that accommodation will not be ready in Cyprus for more than about half the expected 16,000 if they arrive during the next few weeks. Working on this assumption, the High Commissioner proposes the rather drastic step of letting in 16,000 straight away in one lump, his chief consideration being apparently that that would serve the Jews right. From the Colonial Office point of view, I doubt very much whether we can favour this as sudden cessation of the Cyprus quota might provoke serious trouble there, even though Cyprus would be spared the arrival of the 16,000. What is more important, I cannot think that a sudden decision to ~~letting~~ in a flood of 16,000 some time during the next few weeks would appear to the world in general, and in particular to the Arabs, as anything but a capitulation in favour of the Jews, notwithstanding any announcement that might be made as regards mortgaging of quotas for the eleven odd months which would be necessary.

The whole situation, as usual, bristles with difficulty. For my part, I think it can only be handled on the original basis proposed, i.e., to take this 16,000 from the two immediately threatening ships to Cyprus (if necessary straining every nerve and using every possible expedient to fit them into available accommodation there) and then to use the quota-mortgaging expedient, if we must, only in respect of subsequent arrivals, which we must hope will not amount to a total of more than, say, 3 or 4 months' quota at the

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outside. In any case, we of course hope against hope that by the time that situation arose we should know more clearly where we are as a result of UNO and be in a position to take more profitable decisions.

Whilst dictating the above I have just heard that Mr Bevin is to discuss the whole question at 5.00 o'clock on Wednesday 15th. If you have any views, or wish to discuss in any way before then, Higham and I would be glad to hear from you.

Yours sincerely

Trafford Smith

(Trafford Smith)

P.S. As regards accommodation in Cyprus, we have of course already asked them to do everything possible. The Wednesday meeting gives us an excuse to send a further indication of the extreme urgency of the revision of the remaining accommodation. We shall try to get an answer giving the latest position before the meeting.

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FROM PALESTINE (General Sir A. Cunningham)

TO S. OF S., COLONIES.

D. 12th October, 1947.

R. 12th " " 23.00 hrs.

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No. 1908 Top Secret.

Reference No. 2428 from the Colonial Office following to United Kingdom Delegation.

Personal for the Secretary of State and to the Colonial Office from Cunningham.

I thoroughly dislike both alternatives mentioned in paragraph 3 of your telegram which, as you say, admits defeat, but if one has to be adopted, I should much prefer (b) which, I believe, would cause the Jews grave embarrassment. They are in no position to accept and absorb 16,000 immigrants arriving at approximately the same time. It would mean the stoppage of all other quotas which would not suit Cyprus, but decision as to the future of the Jews now in Cyprus rests with the United Nations.

2. It should not be overlooked that cost of deportation and maintenance in Cyprus of these 16,000 may ultimately fall on the British taxpayer, since liability already placed on Palestine Government in respect of illegal immigration, together with other commitments, will exceed our assets, should we withdraw. It is difficult to see why either British or Arab taxpayer should be called to meet expenditure in this connection.

3. If we must admit defeat (and failure is not at this end) and follow one of the courses you suggest, I would ask again whether, to avoid obvious disadvantages, it could not be arranged that United Nations, as a matter of urgency, should

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request us not to use force against any ships which have managed to sail and, at the same time, request Jewish Agency and other nations to prevent such sailings for the present. It could also be stated that any immigrants admitted would be automatically against whatever quota were eventually to be decided upon e.g. the 6,250 monthly recommended by United Nations Special Committee. It will be remembered that I made this point urgently on the day I left England a fortnight ago, when dilemma in which we were likely to be placed was already apparent.

4. Reply to last sentence of your telegram follows.

5. I would request that such important policy telegrams, if on a personal basis, be addressed to me.

(Copies to Cypher Section, Foreign Office for transmission to New York)

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Cypher (O.T.P.)

TO PALESTINE (General Sir A. Cunningham)

FROM S. OF S., COLONIES.

Sent 11th October, 1947. 10.50 hrs.

IMPORTANT

No.2428 Top Secret.

Addressed High Commissioner Palestine.
Repeated UKDEL New York for Martin.

Following for Gurney from Trafford Smith. Begins.

High Commissioner suggested in his Top Secret and Personal telegram No.1848 that future policy regarding illegal immigration should be reconsidered at an early date. Ministers are expected to review problem early next week, but as you will appreciate the question is inextricably bound up with the more general issues of Palestine policy. It is clear from recent telegrams from Sofia and Bucharest that there is little hope of any co-operation from Bulgaria and Roumania which are, at the moment, the chief danger spots, and that we cannot count on any significant delay in the departure of illegal immigrant ships from Black Sea ports as a result of diplomatic pressure. We have virtually abandoned any hope of refoulement to a Black Sea port although there is still a chance that Italy may be more amenable. The Turks claim that they have no legal grounds for preventing or delaying the passage of illegal immigrant ships through the Straits and are unwilling to do anything which would embarrass them in their relations with Russia or which would leave them with large numbers of Jews on their hands.

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2. The General Assembly have now added to the agenda an item submitted by Egypt, Iraq and Lebanon which reads as follows:

"International co-operation for the prevention of immigration which is likely to disturb friendly relations between nations".

We have not yet heard UKDEL's views on probable developments from this item but the Foreign Office fear there may be little chance of any good emerging from it or of the United Nations accepting any responsibility for preventing illegal immigration in time to meet the present emergency. Here again there is no possibility of any co-operation from Bulgaria and Roumania. It is doubtful, too, whether H.M.G. would be willing to risk trouble with the Arabs by advocating at this moment any increase in the quota.

3. If Ministers decide that the fight against illegal immigration must continue, we look like being driven to possible expedients to enable us to weather the storm until the end of 1947; for instance:

- (a) To devote the whole quota of 1,500 a month to Cyprus; should this not suffice,
- (b) to mortgage the quotas several months in advance.

We realise that this would be tantamount to admitting defeat but we are not able to suggest any other means of averting an immediate crisis. We should be very grateful for your views on these expedients before Ministers meet and for any other suggestions you may have.

4. The prospects of making accommodation elsewhere available in less than 6 months are very poor and in the present economic situation we cannot lightly embark on large scale expenditure of men, money and materials that would be involved. Ministers will also take a decision on this question of accommodation.

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5. It is understood that the EMPIRE RIVAL left U.K. on 3rd October, RUNNYMEDE PARK on 5th October and that OCEAN VIGOUR will leave on 10th October. We realise that even with all transports on station there will be difficulty in dealing with the simultaneous arrival of PAN YORK and PAN CRESCENT - a possibility which cannot be excluded. I see however that an Army L.S.T. has been used for the recent operation and we should be glad to know how long you expect to be able to retain her.
(Copies sent to Foreign Office for transmission to New York).

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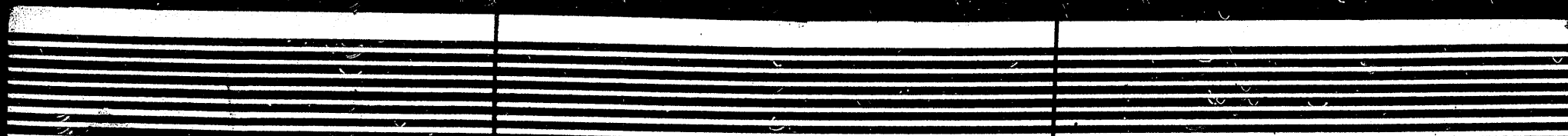
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FROM CAIRO TO SOFIA

Mr. Bowker. D. 9.20 a.m. 15th October,
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15th October, 1947.

R. 10.51 a.m. 15th October,
1947.

Repeated to: Foreign Office, No. 2006;
Jerusalem.

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Your telegram No. 1237 to Foreign Office.
Jewish illegal immigrants.

I am informed by an official of Ministry
of Interior that Egyptian visas have not been
authorized for any [grp. undec. ? illegal] Jews
and are not likely to be authorized.

Foreign Office please pass to Sofia as
my telegram No. 45.

[Repeated to Sofia].

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Mr. Sterndale Bennett. D. 10.54.a.m. September 30th,
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Your telegram No. 1003 to Bucharest.

Jewish illegal immigrants.

I think that there is little doubt that immigrants were allowed to embark at Bourgas (See my telegram No. 1216) on both Paducah and Northland since official of Ministry of Foreign Affairs to-day stated on instructions from his superiors that Bulgarian authorities felt unable to prevent embarkations on either vessel of Jews who had their papers in order (i.e., so he stated, who had valid visas for Persia, Turkey, Syria, Lebanon or Egypt).

2. I am accordingly addressing a note to the Bulgarian Ministry of Foreign Affairs in regard to the Pan Crescent and Pan York and am asking for written confirmation of Bulgarian attitude mentioned in paragraph 1 above.

3. Meanwhile Bulgarian authorities still profess themselves unable to give any information about the trainloads of Jews from Roumania; I suspect them of "foxing" in this matter and think that they can no longer be counted upon to give even that limited co-operation regarding embarkation which was promised and reported in my telegrams Nos. 1109 and 1161.

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Eastern Department

question The Turkish Ambassador raised ~~both~~ ^{the} ~~points~~ in the attached note in a conversation with Sir Orme Sargent this afternoon.

The Ambassador said that under the Montreux Convention it would be impossible to prevent Jewish Illegal Immigrant ships passing through the Straits. They could only be delayed briefly for examination for infectious disease and could not be held on the grounds of infringement of the Conventions for the Safety of Life at Sea. Sir Orme Sargent pointed out the importance that we attached to preventing such ~~passage~~ passage and the difficulties that would be caused us, difficulties that would be to the Turks own disadvantage. For instance, the Russians might make a regular practice of encouraging such traffic to embarrass us both. Moreover, the Turks would themselves reap a harvest of ~~ill-~~ ^{ill-} will in allowing the ships to pass through unhindered.

A.A.D. Montague Browne.

(A.A.D. Montague Browne)

6th October 1947.

I agreed not to Press them ~~to take this action~~ it is too dangerous CB. I agreed not to press them to take this action. It is too dangerous CB.

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Passage through the Straits of Jewish illegal immigrant ships.

Two ships, the "Northlands" and "Paducah", recently reached Palestine waters from Bulgaria with approximately 4,000 Jewish illegal immigrants on board. Two larger ships, the "Pan Crescent" and the "Pan York", are expected to attempt the same voyage in the near future and may be able to carry as many as 8,000 passengers each. Refolement will be physically impossible during the next three weeks owing to the absence of the three large fitted transports which took the "President Warfield's" Jews to Hamburg and will probably not be possible even after their return, on account of the attitude of the Bulgarian and Roumanian Governments. If the "Pan York" and "Pan Crescent" reach Palestine waters with Jewish illegal immigrants on board, these will have to go to Cyprus. This will fill the Cyprus camps almost to capacity, leaving a perilously small margin for the ~~duration~~ *period* before our withdrawal from Palestine.

It is, therefore, more than usually important to prevent these two ships from reaching Palestine. Our representations to the Bulgarian and Roumanian Governments have produced no effect and the local authorities appear to be helping rather than hindering the embarkation from their ports of Jewish illegal immigrants. Our only hope, therefore, is to persuade the Turkish authorities to prevent the passage through the Straits of these two ships. We have suggested to them that Article 3 of the Montreux Convention should be utilised for this purpose. Article 3 provides that all ships passing through the Straits shall stop at the entrance for a sanitary inspection, whose purpose is to ascertain whether or not any persons on board are suffering from certain infectious diseases. The Turkish authorities have power to place guards on board in order to prevent any contact with the shore during the ship's passage through the Straits. We are proposing, however, that the Turkish authorities should order the ship into port for the inspection (which is not unreasonable, since a thorough inspection of 8,000 people on a relatively small ship would be a lengthy affair). Once in port, the Turkish authorities could then either detain the ship or turn her back to her starting-point, on the grounds of infringement of the international Conventions for the Safety of Life at Sea and that concerning Load Lines, or on any other pretext they could devise.

The Turkish Minister for Foreign Affairs is reported to be anxious to help, both in order to please us and in order to avoid offending the Arabs. He has, however, pointed out the flimsiness of the legal pretext whereby the ship would be brought into a Turkish port and the practical risk of a Jewish refusal to turn back their ship, thus leaving the Turks with 8,000 Jews on their hands. Such a risk does undoubtedly exist, though the Turkish suggestion that the Jews would sabotage the ship seems improbable, since this would suit us, but not the Turks, admirably. The legal basis for the action we are asking the Turks to take is undoubtedly very weak and our request can only be justified by the gravity of the situation and the importance of preventing the passage of these ships.

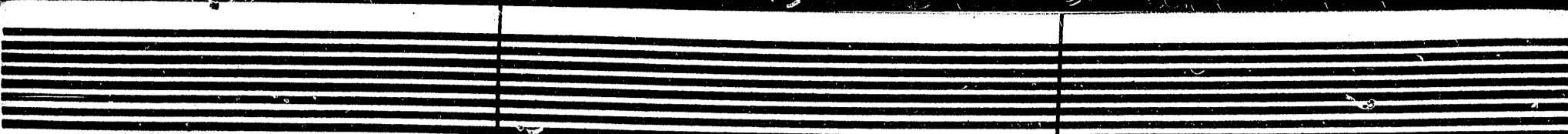
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FROM PANAMA TO FOREIGN OFFICE

Mr. Greenway.
No. 901.

D: 8.30 p.m. 14th October, 1947.

14th October, 1947.

R: 3.05 a.m. 14th October, 1947.

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YOUR TELEGRAM 106 - SUSPECT SHIPPING
[? reference omitted].

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I am advised unofficially by the ~~Minister~~ ^{Chief} of Foreign Affairs that "proof" so far advanced by His Majesty's Government is considered by their legal authorities to be insufficient but that a memorandum has been proposed [sic] for the President who will examine the matter with his advisers. I am not sanguine.

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FILES. (Eastern, American)

Telegram No. 901 of 14th October from Panama to Foreign Office should be telegram No. 91. E

Reference should read: "Your telegram No. 106: suspect shipping."

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FROM PANAMA TO FOREIGN OFFICE.

Mr. Greenway. D. 12.10 p.m. 18th October, 1947.
No. 93.

18th October, 1947. R. 6.45 p.m. 18th October, 1947.

My telegram No. 91. E

Suspect shipping.

Though I have not yet received a reply from
Ministry of Foreign Affairs, local press to-day
published announcement said to be official, that
Panamanian Government will refuse to cancel registration
of ships without complete proof of illegal activities.
This leaves little hope that the reply will be satisfactory.

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Dated

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Operation Paris.

Repat Lubbecke tel to KIEK and
MANNOVER N° C.G 11663 of 12 Oct.

Executive order for mass and final
accommodation of refugees in President
warfield

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CG 11663

CONFIDENTIAL

2th October 1947

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Repeated Foreign Office (German Section)
Berlin
Bad Oeynhausen (Q MOV)

16 OCT

D. 4.15 pm 12th October 1947

R. 2.45 pm 13th October 1947

Operation Oasis.

Reference CCG 11624 of 9th October and CCG 11644
of 10th October.

This is Executive Order for move and final
accommodation refugees and also summarises information
given in/A/Q signals.

Division of responsibility.

A) Responsibility for initiating move lies with Steinreg.
Timing of your approach to camp leaders, to enlist their
co-operation will be arranged in conjunction with Hanreg.
Please report in due course whether reaction of leaders
is favourable or otherwise. Probable that camp leaders
will request facilities for recce of new accm. This is
in order after rpt after evacuation of present D.P. occupant
Kriegswarden and therefore not likely to be much before
10th October. Responsibility for call forward of, advance
recce party lies with Hanreg.

B) Responsibility for carrying out move lies mutually
with HQ Steinreg and HQ Hanreg.

C) All rail move will be co-ordinated by PW and DP Div.
Hango.

Accommodation.

D) Refugees will be accommodated as follows:

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- (i) Approx 2200 barracks at Emden.
 (ii) Balance in Sengwarden DP Camp (north of Wilhelmshaven)

(B) Hanreg will arrange for :

② Move out of present DP occupants by 20th October 1947.

③ Emden barracks and Sengwarden Camp both to be ready to receive incoming refugees by 20th October 1947.

4. Accommodation stores etc.

(A) Special measures will be taken to ensure that no damage to Sengwarden Camp is done by outgoing DPs, with particular reference to unauthorised removal of fixtures and fittings.

(B) BJS present accommodation stores Sengwarden Camp is more than sufficient for present DP occupants, only pro rata quota of these stores will be removed, to correspond with strength of DPs evacuated.

(C) Provision of any further accm. stores for Emden and Sengwarden will be arranged mutually by HQs Steinreg and Hanreg from accm. stores on charge to PW and DP Div. Lemgo.

(D) Camp teams for Emden and Sengwarden will be provided by PW and DP Branch Hanreg who should apply, if necessary, to PW and DP Branch LEMGO for assistance.

5. General.

(A) Present DP occupants Sengwarden Camp will not rpt not be informed of identity of incoming refugees, (see 4 (A) above).

(B) Refugees will not rpt not be informed of names or locations of new accommodation until this is sanctioned by Hanreg, i.e. until DP s evacuated from Sengwarden.

(C) Medical Plan follows soonest.

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CCG 11813

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21st October 1947.

IMPORTANT

Repeated: Berlin.
Kiel.
Hannover.

D.6.35 pm 21st October 1947.

R.0.45 am 22nd October 1947.

Operation OASIS

Sitrep No.17 as at 18.00 hrs 21st October 1947.

Reference our executive order for move to final accommodation (CCG 11663 of 12th October 1947) para 2, an approach to Camp Leaders was made at 14.30 hours 20th October 1947, this was followed up by a public announcement to refugees in both Camps.

2. Following is text of reply received p.m. 20th October from Camp Leaders.-

"Nothing will deter us from going to Palestine. Which jail we go to (a reference to Emden and Sengwarden) is up to you (the British). We did not ask you to reduce our rations, we did not ask you to put us in Poppendorf and Am Stau, we will tell you by 14.30 hours tomorrow 21st October whether we will send an advance party or not".

3. Camp Leaders to-day (21st October) agreed to their removal to their new accommodation. They also agreed to send an advance party which leaves by road p.m. 21st October and will return p.m. 22nd October 1947 after viewing both Emden and Sengwarden.

4. Timings for move of main party are now ETD 28th October and ETA 29th and 30th October.

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FROM FOREIGN OFFICE (GERMAN SECTION) TO LUBBECKE

No 8297 Basic

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24th October 1947

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Repeated: Bielefeld D 6.50 pm 24th October 1947
(Disposals Group) for Brig NIXON) No 8297 Basic
Berlin (No 4917 Basic)
Kiel) No 8297
Hannover) Basic

Operation OASIS.

As requested in telecon SCARLETT/BELLIS on 24th
October, have agreed with Ministry of Supply (Overseas Disposals
(4)) to release of 350 (three hundred and fifty) wooden tables
Barrack type) for use in camps to which Exodus Jews are to be
transferred. Please submit formal demand.

Originator: Miss Bellis

Distribution: OASIS
Mr Hampshire
Mr Montford (6 copies)
Mr Kinnear
Col de Linde
Mr Burrows

Min of Supply: Mr C W Reid (Overseas Disposals)

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'Daily Telegraph'

Dated

16 Oct

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Illegal Immigration
of the I.R.O. in Geneva in preparing a document
which it is hoped will be the movement
of Jews into Italy.
Further comment on how detailed
will work.

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Italian Section 6.2.13
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I believe that this report is substantially correct
PCIRO have also reduced the ration scales for d.p.s. ^{in Italy} to
bring them more into line with those prevailing elsewhere.
The Jewish organisations are protesting vigorously. In addition
the two arch-villains Borieri and Varrichione have been dismissed
by PCIRO and although the pliable McHenry still remains,
it is almost certain that he will have a British second
in command to make him toe the line.

Ar. Wilkinson 24/10

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CHECK ON JEWS BOUND FOR PALESTINE

NEW RULES FOR ITALIAN CAMPS

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT
ROME, Wednesday.

The International Refugee Organisation in Geneva is, I learn, preparing a directive which it is hoped will help to check the movement of Jews into Italy.

It will be ruled that persons will not be eligible for admission to the I.R.O. camps if they have come without authorisation from another country where they were already adequately cared for.

This will mean that Jews arriving here from Austrian camps on the way to Palestine will not be able to claim shelter in Italian I.R.O. camps while awaiting their chance of secret embarkation. They will have to rely entirely upon private charity and the aid of Jewish organisations.

Although the precise terms of the ruling are not yet known, some observers here doubt whether such a measure could be effectively enforced. It would be difficult to ascertain whether a refugee had come from an Austrian camp or was a "fresh intake."

TIGHTENED CONTROL

A check will, however, be provided by the "ceiling" placed upon I.R.O. admissions to Italy and by a close system of registration now being carried out. A maximum of 32,500 refugees can be accommodated and fed in the 15 I.R.O. camps and the 79 Jewish training centres provisioned by the I.R.O. in Italy. The numbers to-day are only 700 short of this maximum.

Tightened control of I.R.O. camps in Italy will stop two abuses which have facilitated illegal migration. Jews will no longer be able to move freely from camp to camp until they reach planned embarkation points. Nor will they be able, by false declaration of the numbers in camp to accumulate reserves of rations for the journey.

REFUGEES PHOTOGRAPHED

Every person is being issued with an identification card bearing his photograph. The task of photographing more than 30,000 refugees and displaced persons is now 90 per cent. complete.

Anyone is free to leave a camp, but without authorisation and production of an identity card none can enter a new camp. Registration also enables the exact numbers in a camp to be ascertained, so that there will be no over-issue of rations.

"Ration control is the pinch" an administrator told me to-day. "It means that migration will be more expensive and more difficult."

Mr. M. Keeny, chief of the I.R.O. mission in Italy, said: "It is essential that the problem be tackled before these people get into Italy."

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Your telegram No. 1433.

Illegal Jewish immigration.

I had already taken action on these lines in an interview with the Minister for Foreign Affairs on October 15th on the basis of Jerusalem telegram No. 1396. I am today sending to him a letter confirming what I then said and adding that I have since had a telegram from you emphasising the importance which His Majesty's Government attaches to frustrating this particular attempt to land illegal immigrants in Palestine.

Foreign Office please pass to Washington, United Kingdom Delegation New York and Jerusalem as my telegrams Nos. 237, 14 and 38.

[Repeated to Washington and United Kingdom Delegation New York. Copies sent to Telegraph Section Colonial Office for repetition to Jerusalem.]

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Your telegram No. 1237 [of September 30th: Jewish
No. 1072 [of October 4th: Illegal
Immigration].

I have been considering report by Official Committee on Illegal Immigration which reveals that the arrival of Pan Crescent and Pan York in Palestine waters with their estimated load of 16,500 illegal immigrants will create a critical situation. Please impress upon the Bulgarian/Roumanian Government that His Majesty's Government attach the highest importance to preventing the departure of either of these vessels with illegal immigrants. There is no doubt whatsoever about the intentions of those responsible for operating the ships and, whatever false documents or visas may be produced by the Jews, the Bulgarian/Roumanian Government can be assured that none of the passengers can possibly be in possession of a permit to enter Palestine (or indeed for any of the Arab States which were mentioned by the Bulgarian authorities as being the destination of some of the last batch).

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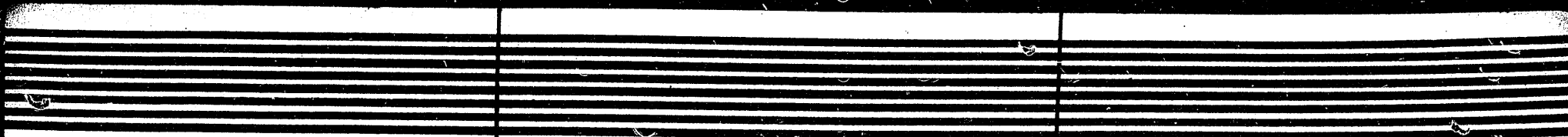
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FROM PARIS TO MARSEILLES

Mr. Duff Cooper.
No. 119 D. 3.21 p.m. 19th October, 1947
19th October, 1947 R. 5.40 p.m. 19th October, 1947

Repeated to Foreign Office No. 966

SECRET

Foreign Office telegram No. 2207 to Rome.

Naval Attaché has been informed by the Admiralty that "Yilderan" sailed from Spezia yesterday, 18th October. It is reliably reported that she will embark illegal Jewish immigrants from a village between Marseilles and Sete and it is estimated that she may arrive there today. She is said to have a capacity for 300.

2. You should urge local authorities most strongly to take all possible steps to prevent embarkation and departure of illegal immigrants on this vessel. Similar representations are being made here.

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In anticipation of the instructions of the Chiefs of Staff, the Admiralty have been invited to examine the attached letter from the Colonial Office and prepare a draft reply.

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1. PALESTINE - ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION
 (Previous Reference: C.O.S.(47) 110th Meeting, Minute 12)
C.O.S.(47) 214 (O)

THE COMMITTEE had before them a memorandum by the First Sea Lord examining a letter⁺ from the Chairman of the official Committee on Illegal Immigration asking whether the Chiefs of Staff were prepared to agree to the return of illegal immigrants to Bulgarian and Rumanian ports without Naval escort. It was recommended in this memorandum that the Chiefs of Staff should reply that they had no objection to the sailing of illegal immigrants without Naval escorts provided that some escort was sent as a safeguard against disaster.

SIR FRANK SIMPSON said the War Office had previously objected to ships carrying illegal immigrants being unescorted owing to the danger of illegal immigrants overpowering the military guards and taking charge of the ship. The proposal now made by the First Sea Lord that some escort, in the form of a smaller merchant ship, covered the previous War Office objection provided the escort ship carried a reserve of military guards and provided ships carrying illegal immigrants could be boarded by the military guards carried on board the escort ship.

SIR JOHN EDLSTEN said there would be no objection to carrying extra military guards on board the escort ship, but owing to the type of escort ship it was proposed to employ it would not be possible for these extra guards to board any ships carrying illegal immigrants in the case of trouble. Boarding was a highly technical operation which was not likely to be within the capabilities of the complement of the escort ship. He thought that the presence of an escort ship carrying extra military guards should be sufficient to deter illegal immigrants from taking serious action, but in the event of serious trouble arising, Naval reinforcements would have to be sent for. He felt, therefore, that the proposal should be given a trial on the lines suggested by the First Sea Lord.

SIR FRANK SIMPSON agreed and said he would be prepared to agree to ships carrying illegal immigrants to Bulgarian and Rumanian ports being unescorted provided a smaller merchant ship was sent with the convoy in place of a Naval escort and provided extra military guards could be carried on board this escort ship.

There was general agreement with this proposal...

THE COMMITTEE:

- (a) Instructed the Secretary to reply⁺ to the Chairman of the official Committee on Illegal Immigration in the light of the above.
- (b) Took note that the Admiralty would discuss separately with the Foreign Office and the Ministry of Transport the question of employing ex-corvettes, now employed as transports between Haifa and Cyprus, as escorts to the Black Sea.

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ANNEX I

Copy of a letter (reference COS 1158/15/10/7)
dated 15th October, 1947, from the Secretary,
Chiefs of Staff Committee to the Chairman,
Illegal Immigrants Committee.

I am writing in reply to your letter 76021/64/2 dated 26th September, 1947 asking whether the Chiefs of Staff are prepared to agree to the return of Jewish Illegal Immigrants to Bulgarian and Rumanian ports without Naval escort.

I attach a copy of a memorandum by the First Sea Lord (C.O.S.(47)214(0) examining this question and recommending in paragraph 5 that the previous objection of the Chiefs of Staff to the sailing of illegal immigrants without Naval escort be withdrawn provided that some escort is sent as a safeguard against disaster. For this purpose, it is proposed that one of the smaller ships used for transporting Jews from Palestine should be sent with the convoy in place of a Naval escort.

The Chiefs of Staff agree with this recommendation provided that extra military guards are carried on board the escort ship. They feel that the presence of such a ship with soldiers on board should be sufficient to deter the Jewish illegal immigrants from taking serious action en route. In the event of serious trouble, however, on board the ships carrying illegal immigrants, Naval reinforcements would need to be called since the highly technical operation of boarding such ships to quell the trouble is likely to be beyond the capacity of the escort ship.

In paragraph 6 of the attached memorandum, you will see that the question of whether it would be legal and politically possible, within the terms of the Montreux Convention, to use the ex-corvettes now employed between Haifa and Cyprus as escorts to the Black Sea will be discussed separately between the Admiralty, the Foreign Office and the Ministry of Transport.

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The Admiralty have considered a letter⁺ dated 26th September from the Chairman of the Official Committee on Illegal Immigration asking whether the Chiefs of Staff are prepared to agree to the return of illegal immigrants to Bulgarian and Roumanian ports without Naval escort. The reason for this proposal is that under the Montreux Convention British warships can only pass through the Straits after giving fifteen days' notice, can only remain in the Black Sea for twenty-one days and must give three days' notice of any alteration of the date of passage laid down in the notification to the Turkish Government. Thus it would be necessary for illegal immigrants arriving in Palestine waters to be held at Haifa until the necessary period of notice had expired. This has always been regarded as unacceptable.

2. At a meeting of the Chiefs of Staff on 20th September, 1946, the First Sea Lord suggested that as a means of gaining experience ships carrying illegal immigrants should be sailed to Cyprus without escort, since it would be impossible to provide escorts if, as then seemed probable, Cyprus became full and it became necessary to send them to Kenya or some other distant destination. Although the Commanders in Chief, Middle East, were prepared to agree to this⁷, the War Office objected on the grounds of the danger to the military guards created by the absence of escort and of the increased number of guards which would be required in an unescorted ship. In view of these objections and the obvious political objections raised by the Foreign Office, the Colonial Office and the Ministry of Transport, the Admiralty agreed^ø to withdraw their proposal, but asked that the matter be reviewed in six months' time. This was agreed at the 25th Meeting of the Chiefs of Staff on 14th February.

3. When the matter was reviewed in August, the Admiralty did not press their point because they had subsequently committed themselves to the policy of refoulement which involved long voyages for escorts and had reinforced the Mediterranean Fleet for that very purpose.

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4. The motive of the Admiralty's original proposal was economy: the motive of the Illegal Immigration Committee's present proposal is the overcoming of a legal difficulty. Thus it is proposed that one of the smaller merchant ships used for removing Jews from Palestine should be sent with the convoy in place of a Naval escort. This ship would act as a rescue ship in the event of damage by sabotage or some other means to one of those carrying the Jews. This should overcome the objections to the Admiralty's earlier proposal.

5. It is recommended, therefore, that the Chiefs of Staff should inform the Illegal Immigration Committee that they have no objection to the sailing of illegal immigrants without Naval escort provided that some escort is sent as a safeguard against disaster.

6. The question of whether it would be legally and politically possible, within the terms of the Montreux Convention, to use the ex-Corvettes, which are now employed as transports between Haifa and Cyprus, as escorts to the Black Sea, will be discussed separately with the Foreign Office and the Ministry of Transport.

(initialled) J.H.D.C.

Ministry of Defence, S.W.1.
9th October, 1947.

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CHIEFS OF STAFF COMMITTEE

PALESTINE - ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION.

Copy of a letter (reference 76021/64/2) dated 26th September, 1947, from the Colonial Office to the Secretary, Chiefs of Staff Committee.

The Chiefs of Staff are no doubt aware that the organisers of Jewish illegal immigration to Palestine appear to be contemplating the embarkation of a number of illegal immigrants in Rumania or possibly Bulgaria. There are two ships - NORTHLANDS and PADUCAH - at present in the Black Sea and it is known that there is a considerable concentration of would-be immigrants to Palestine in Rumania.

The Illegal Immigration Committee have therefore been considering the possibilities of carrying out a "refoulement" operation to the Black Sea. It is of course too early as yet to say whether or not the necessary degree of co-operation to make such an operation feasible would be forthcoming from the Rumanian or Bulgarian Governments. There have however been indications that they might possibly be disposed to help us in this matter.

There are however certain practical difficulties in carrying our refoulement to the Black Sea in view of the Montreux Convention, which requires that fifteen days' notice should be given before one of our warships passes through the Straits. Unless therefore the ship, or ships, carrying the returning immigrants were to wait for some days it would not be possible for the escorting warships to go beyond the entrance to the Straits. There are likely to be strong political objections, in view of the marine risk, to allowing a transport crowded with Jews to proceed without escort, and it has accordingly been suggested that one or more of the ex-corvettes now in use as transports between Palestine and Cyprus might accompany the return ship or convoy as a rescue ship.

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I am informed that the Chiefs of Staff have previously given some consideration, originally in February, and again in August of this year, to the possibility of allowing transports carrying illegal immigrants to proceed without naval escort, but that they have not come to any final conclusion on this matter.

The Colonial Office have asked the Palestine Government in consultation with the Service authorities to investigate the possibilities of freeing one or more of the ex-corvettes for a possible refoulement operation, but meanwhile I should be grateful if you would ask the Chiefs of Staff for their views on allowing a ship or convoy, carrying illegal immigrants, to enter the Black Sea without naval escort.

(Signed) (J.D. Higham)
(Acting) Chairman,
Illegal Immigration
Committee.

Ministry of Defence, S.W.1.
27th September, 1947.

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The "Yildesan" has not yet arrived in France and is, for the moment, "lost". This telegram suggests, however, that the French attitude is tending to improve.

J. E. Cable
(J. E. CABLE)

23/10

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Western Dept.

Yes, but unfortunately Mr. Hoch and Mr. Depierre are both in the new government.

John Wilson.
24.10.

J. Wilson
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Paris telegram ^{E/9} No. 969 to Foreign Office
of 21st October.

Please add footnote:

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FROM ANGORA TO FOREIGN OFFICE

Sir D.Kelly, D. 8.56 a.m. 21st October, 1947.
No. 748
20th October, 1947. R. 10.42 a.m. 21st October, 1947.

Repeated to Rome,
Paris,
Commander-in-Chief Mediterranean.

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Your telegram No.906.

I gave Secretary General of Ministry of Foreign Affairs today memorandum regarding s.s. "Yilderan". He showed me large file on the subject with telegram to the Turkish Ambassador in Rome on October 14th ordering immediate return of this vessel to Turkey. He is now sending Turkish Ambassador instructions to take whatever action he can to prevent this ship mixing in Jewish immigration traffic.

2. Secretary General volunteered that Turkish Government had also been trying to secure return of s.s. "Burhaniye", 1958 tons, till recently engaged in traffic between Marseilles and Cyprus, which they suspect is also likely to engage in this traffic. This information had also been given by Ministry of Communications to Naval Attaché who had reported it to Admiralty and Cyprus.

3. Secretary General repeated to me desire of Turkish Government to co-operate in any way they could against this traffic.

Foreign Office please repeat to Paris as my telegram No.77 and Commander-in-Chief Mediterranean as my telegram No.5.

[Repeated to Paris. Copies sent to War Registry. Admiralty for repetition to Commander-in-Chief Mediterranean].

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(Date) Oct 25

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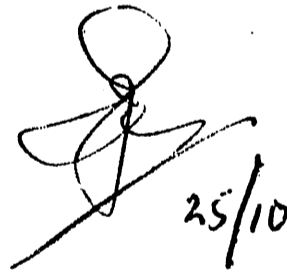
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Your telegram no. 748 [of 20th October: Jewish illegal immigration]

"YILDERAN" is now reported to be proceeding down west coast of Sardinia under sail, her engines having broken down after sabotage by her late owner DJEHAN YILDERAN. It is not certain whether or not she has already embarked Jews.


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S.S. Las Palmas

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This is presumably meant to be "Las Palmas". Telegram sent to confirm this.

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Telegram sent to Alexandria about "Las Palmas"

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6/11

Reminder to Alexandria

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FROM ALEXANDRIA TO FOREIGN OFFICE.

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His Majesty's Consul General,
No. 15.

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D. 4.47 p.m. 20th October 1947.

18th October 1947.

R. 4.27 p.m. 20th October 1947.

Repeated to Cairo No.14 Saving.

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Jewish illegal immigration.

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Your telegram No.26 of October 18th.

S.S. Las Palmas has not visited Alexandria.

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Telegram.

No. 27

(Date) Oct 22

Repeat to:—

your telegram no. 15 [of 18th October: Jewish illegal immigration]

your telegram under reference mentioned "LAS PALMAS". Please confirm that "LAS TAMPLAS" was intended.

[Signature] 22/10

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FROM FOREIGN OFFICE TO ALEXANDRIA.

No. 27. D. 4.50 p.m. 22nd October, 1947.
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Your telegram No. 15 [of 18th October:
Jewish illegal immigration].

Your telegram under reference mentioned
"Las Palmas". Please confirm that "Las
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FROM ALEXANDRIA TO FOREIGN OFFICE

His Majesty's Consul General
No:16
25rd October 1947

D.5.30 p.m. 25rd October 1947
R.5.55 p.m. 25rd October 1947

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Your telegram No:27.

My telegram No:15 referred to s.s. Las Palmas. S.s. Las
Tamplas arrived Alexandria on September 9th and is still here.
It is reported that vessel may remain about a month. Embassy
Cairo and Senior Naval Officer Intelligence Port Said already
informed.

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Telegram.

No. 30

(Date) Nov 6th

Repeat to:—

Cairo No 2057

Your telegram no. 16 [of 23rd October: Jewish illegal immigration]

I presume you have informed local authorities of our suspicions against "LAS TAMPLAS".

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D.10.30 a.m. 7th November, 1947.

6th November, 1947.

Repeated to Cairo No. 2057.

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Your telegram No. 16 [of 23rd October: Jewish
illegal immigration].

I presume you have informed local authorities of our
suspicions against "Las Tamplas".

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My telegram no. 30 [of 6 in
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Please report present position
regarding this ship.

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FROM FOREIGN OFFICE TO ALEXANDRIA.

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20th November, 1947.
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My telegram No. 50 [of 6th November: Jewish
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Please report present position regarding this
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20th November, 1947.
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My telegram No. 80 [of 6th November: Jewish
illegal immigration].

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